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Progress in gender equality in Ireland, 2005-2015

The Gender Equality Index 2017 Ireland achieved a score of **68.5 out of 100**. This is an increase of 7.6 points since 2005, which shows better progress than all EU level Ireland's score three points ahead of the EU average (from 2005 to 2015, Ireland's score went up from 40.9 to 48.5) ahead. 40.9 (Ireland's score) increased with the exception of the domain of time, which saw no improvement.

The domain of **power** shows significant improvements due to progress in women's representation in decision-making in the workplace and in Women's representation in political decision-making, also in Ireland, about equal progress.

The domain of **knowledge** shows solid progress in educational attainment and good progress for both women and men. However, strong segregation of study fields along traditional gender lines remains a challenge. Inequality also persists in the domain of **time** especially when it comes to social activities.

The situation in the domain of **work** has slightly improved due to a combination of women's and men's improved participation in the labour market, less segregation and higher quality of work.

In the domain of **money**, more progress is visible, mainly in the mean social income distribution and decreasing gender gaps in savings and income.

The gender equality score in the domain of **health** is high, showing good gender balance in access to services and overall health status. However, there are ongoing differences in the health-related behaviours of women and men.

18 Change in score from 2005 to 2015

¹⁾ The Gender Equality Index 2017 is based on the data of Gender Inequality Index, EU Gender Main Survey, European Health Interview Survey, EU Survey on Gender and Living Conditions, Survey of Working Conditions, European Union Survey of Income and Health, European Working Conditions Survey, EU Gender Survey, European Survey of Living Conditions and EU Gender Survey. The data is provided by Eurostat for the EU and its 28 Member States. The data is provided by Eurostat for the EU and its 28 Member States. The data is provided by Eurostat for the EU and its 28 Member States.

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